

SECRET

SUMMARY REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

Division Project Clearance Sheet

1. ACTION: Request for Renewal, Fiscal Year 1957

a. Project Cryptonym

LCCASSOCK

b. Division

Eastern Europe

c. Branch

EE/Germany

2. DIVISION CONCURRENCES:

                      
Chief, EE/Germany

29 March 1957  
Date

                      
Chief, EE/Admin

1 April 1957  
Date

                      
Chief, EE/Plans

9 April 1957  
Date

                      
Chief, EE/Operations

18 April 57  
Date

                      
Chief, EE

18 April '57  
Date

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
SOURCES METHOD EXEMPTION 3028  
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT  
DATE 2007

SECRET

SECRET

Project LCCASSOCK

1. It is requested that Project LCCASSOCK be renewed for Fiscal Year 1957 in the amount of \$ 1. It is included in the Fiscal Year 1957 EE Division operational program for the same amount.

2. Date of Approval:

Originally approved 12 February 1954

Amendment #1 approved 14 January 1955

Project renewal for FY 1956 approved 12 August 1955

3. Funds Used:

Authorization

Obligations

FY 1954	\$ 1	1	Funded from ZRCANDY
FY 1955	\$ 1	1	\$ 1
FY 1956	\$ 1	1	\$ 1

4. Objective and Project Proposal:

The objective of this project is to sustain and encourage popular East German resistance to the Communist regime of East Germany and the spread of the Communist philosophy in East Germany. It is proposed to continue CIA's financial subsidy and operational guidance of the project instrumentality, an indigenous anti-communist group in West Berlin which produces and disseminates to East Germans various types of anti-Communist propaganda.

5. Accomplishments and Effectiveness:

During Fiscal Year 1956 LCCASSOCK prepared, produced and disseminated approximately 25,000 propaganda items per month to target groups in the Soviet Zone of Germany. These publications included falsifications and publications superficially similar to Soviet Zone publications, as well as straight propaganda items.

Project effectiveness is attested to by the amount of correspondence that this project carries on with persons behind the Iron Curtain. All of this correspondence has been prompted by receipt of LCCASSOCK publications. Another indication of effectiveness was the publication of a brochure by East German authorities attacking an overt cover installation of the project.

6. Changes of the Operational Situation:

Distribution of produced items was originally largely through distribution nets run out of Berlin; but as a result of evidence that the distribution nets were not performing as they reported, distribution from January 1956 on has been confined to mail distribution, hand-outs along the borders of West Berlin,

SECRET

SECRET

and sale for nominal amounts to East Berlin and East German residents visiting in West Berlin. Toward the end of the Fiscal Year 1956 certain of the LCCASSOCK falsifications were discontinued because of fear of copyright libel suits and because of personal danger to readers in the Soviet Zone.

The termination of the distribution nets formerly used by LCCASSOCK was accomplished without security complications; distribution formerly handled through those nets has been almost completely taken over by mail operations.

7. Forecast for the Ensuing Year:

The delay in submission of this renewal request has been occasioned by the field's development of new concepts of project activities which this division has been unable to approve.

During Fiscal Year 1957 LCCASSOCK will continue to produce propaganda for dissemination through mail channels and through limited ground infiltration into East Germany at a rate slightly higher than during the Fiscal Year 1956.

This division visualizes this project as a special production shop with the capability of producing and distributing on short notice target-of-opportunity publications (to include falsifications) based on fast priority requirements of headquarters and field alike. This is not meant to prohibit certain periodic publications, which are necessary for cover purposes; but is intended to bring about discontinuance of certain marginal publications. The field was informed of this headquarters position in EGBW 5656 and EGBW 5687 both dated 25 January 1957.

The field is of the opinion that LCCASSOCK should be converted to a mechanism producing publications on a regular basis but at the same time devoting a great deal of time to development of techniques and psychological experimentation not directly related to actual operations.

A chronology of correspondence pertaining to headquarters and field views on LCCASSOCK runs as follows:

- July 1956: Headquarters requested field for their views on LCCASSOCK development.
- Late July 1956: Field submitted partial views on redocumentation.
- 16 October 1956: PP Staff requested to approve ninety days extension in which to redocument LCCASSOCK.
- 10 December 1956: Field version of draft project outline arrived at headquarters.
- 27 December 1956: Pertinent portions of analysis prepared by headquarters furnished field.
- 29 January 1957: Field apprised of headquarters position.
- March 1957: Field resubmitted views expressed in their original draft outline.
- 29 March 1957: Field advised via cable that headquarters position is

SECRET

**SECRET**

unchanged and that summary project outline being submitted for Fiscal Year 1957. Field further advised that if changes are not made in accordance with Headquarters position no funds will be available for Fiscal Year 1958.

SECRET

**SECRET**

<b>PROJECT FINANCIAL DATA</b>		PROJECT CRYPTONYM <b>LCCASSOCK</b>			
		FISCAL PERIOD COVERED <b>1 July</b> 195 <sup><b>6</b></sup> <b>THRU 30 JUNE 195</b> <sup><b>7</b></sup>			
*MAY NOT EXCEED SECRET CLASSIFICATION					
RESPONSIBLE STAFF OR DIVISION <b>EE Division</b>		CASE OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>A. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS</b>					
Indicate number and type of personnel required and estimated total compensation for salary, allowances, travel and related employee benefits. Include everyone paid from project.					
TYPE	NUMBER		ESTIMATED COMPENSATION		
	U. S. PERSONNEL	FOREIGN NATIONAL	BASE SALARY	ALL OTHER	TOTAL
STAFF EMPLOYEES					
STAFF AGENTS					
CAREER AGENTS					
CONTRACT AGENTS					
CONTRACT CONSULTANTS					
DETAILED PERSONNEL					
FIELD AGENTS					
MILITARY					
ALL OTHER					
TOTAL A.					
<b>B. SUPPLIES, MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT</b>					
Indicate amount required in applicable spaces. Attach complete supporting list for each.					
COMMO	CHEMICAL	QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES		OTHER SUPPLIES	
\$	\$	\$		\$	
MEDICAL	ORDNANCE	SPECIAL DEVICES		OTHER EQUIPMENT	
\$	\$	\$		\$	
TOTAL B.					
<b>C. OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES</b>					
Indicate volume and nature of expenses such as (1) maintenance of two operational houses abroad (2) spot purchase of information, etc.					
TOTAL C.					
<b>D. SUBSIDY OR PROPRIETARY PAYMENTS</b>					
If funds are to be turned over to individuals or groups in large lump sums to be expended by the individuals or groups at their discretion to accomplish an agreed-upon objective, explain the type of financial accounts, factual verification or statements, if any, other than a receipt for the lump sum, which will be obtained.					
In addition to receipts signed by the project principal agent for all sums received, monthly itemized accountings are supplied by the principal agent for all expenditures. These accountings bear the signed statement of the principal agent that according to his knowledge the accountings are correct.					
TOTAL D. <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS (A + B + C + D) \$ <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

SECRET

**E. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

APPROXIMATE DATES AND AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED

FORM REQUIRED

☐

U. S. DOLLARS

☐

FOREIGN (SPECIFY)

☐

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS (SPECIFY)

SPECIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS OR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION

**F. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

(Within security limitations, list any other facts or circumstances which will enable Special Support Staff to lend adequate logistical support to this project. Indicate specificationally the "RUSH" or "TIME" factors involved.)

SECRET